	1990	1991	1992
West Asia/North Africa	55.66	66.14	73.21
Japan/Babarain	5.94	15.55	32.05
U.S.A./Canada	4.60	11.01	12.03
Others	--	0.72	0.99
Total	148.99	193.41	230.86

Note: These exports are exclusive of incentives,

(fa) No. such complaint has been received by the Ministry of Commerce from any country.

Suggestion on Forming Trade Blocs

731. SHRI ANANI RAM JAISWAL: SHRI S.VTYA PRAKASH MALAV1VA : SHRIMATI KAMLA S1NHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Govrnment have received any suggestion to form trading blocs of its own with Ttsdonesia, Philippines and Singapcre-.

(b) if so, what rue the details of the suggestion and what is the reaction of Government thereon; and

(c) the steps taken| likely to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) In a recent paper titled 'Export Promotion Strategy for India', FIEO has suggested that the possibilities of wokring out a strong trade economic linkage with Indonesia Philippines Singapore should be explotcd

India and ASEAN have established a sectoral dialogue covering such areas as 10% RSS/94--28

trading, investment and tourism. The aim of this exercise is to promote tade and economic exchanges between the two sides within the mulhilecral trading system established under the GATT.

India prefers the multilateral to the regional approach because the former offers the greatest prom se for expansion of world trade.

Import of Metals

732. SHRI DIGVDAY SINGH : SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is tbe total quantity of copper brass and other metals imported during the years 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) whether domestic consumption and import of copper, brass and other metals arc steadily increasing;

(c) if so the measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to cope with the shortage of these metals; and

(d) the details cf the steps taken or proposed to be taken to import the above inctals during. the year 1593-94 ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a)

The total quantity of copper brass and other metals imported during 1991-92, and 1992-93 (April '92—Jan. '93) has been as under :

Item	Year	Qty. in tonnes
Copper/brass	1991-92	131265
	1992-93 (April '92—Jan '93)	120831
Others Metals	1991-92	2607792
	1992-93 (April '92—Jan '93)	1765317

(b) Government does not maintain data of actual ccrsumption of these metals. The above import figure would, however, show the import treed.

(c) and (d) Import of all ferrous and non-ferrous metals can be made freely tinder the liberalised Export and Import Policy.

Agricultural Export Turnover

7.33. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will tha Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he had projected a $ 5 billicn agriculture exports turnover by the end of 1995-96, as reported in the Economic. Times of the 2nd April, 1993;

(b) if so, what amount had been fetched in this regard during the year 1992-93 and how does it compare *to* '991-92;

(c) what are the details of the steps Government propose to take for a stable Policy towards agriculture related exports and also the changes contemplated in this regard in export-import policy of 1992-97 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AIT AIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDD1N AHMED) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of export agricultural commodities (including plantation crops like tea and coffee, cotton and marine products during 1991-92 and 1992-93 arc given below :

Year	Export (US $ Million)
1991-92	3047
1992-93 (April—Jan) (Provisional)	2356

(Source : DGCI&S, Calcutta)